

February 17, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE  
AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

**Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.**

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the time and place noted above. This meeting will also include a study session with the Regional Council, the State Transportation Board, the Board of Directors of the Regional Public Transportation Authority and members of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. The purpose of the study session is to receive the Annual Report on the MAG Freeway & Expressway Program prepared by the MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit. In addition, a summary of the comments from the transportation public hearing, conducted on February 24, 1998 will be presented.

Upon completion of the joint hearing agenda items, the Regional Council meeting will continue with the regular agenda items. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host the dinner for the Regional Council members and the members of other transportation boards. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL AND  
JOINT TRANSPORTATION HEARING TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

	<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>  The meetings of the Regional Council, the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority Board of Directors and the Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee will be called to order.	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Introductory Remarks</u>  Introductory meeting remarks will be given by: Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Chairman, Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council; Jack Husted, Chairman, State Transportation Board; Mayor Neil Giuliano, Chairman, Regional Public Transportation Authority Board of Directors; and Charles Coughlin, Chairman, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee.	3. For information and discussion.
4. <u>MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit Annual Report</u>  Each year, the MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit produces a report that reviews the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System, as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program, has been in balance with available revenues and construction schedules have been met. Findings of this report will be summarized for the joint hearing.	4. For information and discussion.

5. Summary of Public Comments

On February 24, 1998, a public hearing will be held on transportation issues, including the Annual Report of the MAG Freeway & Expressway Program. This hearing will be conducted by a four member panel, representing board members from the MAG Regional Council, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, the State Transportation Board, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. A summary of the comments made at the hearing will be presented.

6. Discussion of Transportation Issues

An opportunity will be provided for members of the transportation boards to share their thoughts on transportation challenges that face this region and the state.

7. Adjournment of State Transportation Board, RPTA Board of Directors, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

5. For information.

6. For information and discussion.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL ONLY ITEMS

### TENTATIVE AGENDA February 25, 1998

#### COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> <p>3. <u>Approval of January 28, 1998 Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p> <p>5. <u>Showcased Agency Introduction</u></p> <p>As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The City of Tempe will be featured at this meeting.</p> <p>6. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p> <p>7. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>3. Review and approve January 28, 1998 meeting minutes.</p> <p>4. For information.</p> <p>5. For information and discussion.</p> <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> <p>7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |
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**\* ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT****AIR QUALITY ITEM**

- \*8. Consultation on Regional Emissions Analysis for the Price Freeway/U.S. 60 Auxiliary Lane

On January 28, 1998, the Regional Council approved \$1,365,000 for the design and construction of an auxiliary lane at the end of the southbound to eastbound ramp of the traffic interchange of the Price and Superstition Freeways contingent upon the required air quality conformity actions being completed. The required regional emissions analysis has been completed and indicates that conformity requirements are met. As the agency responsible for approving and implementing the project, the Arizona Department of Transportation is required to make a conformity finding. In accordance with adopted MAG procedures, documentation regarding the regional emissions analysis is being provided for consultation. The deadline for submitting comments to MAG is February 20, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion and consultation.

**STUDY SESSION ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****AIR QUALITY ITEM**

9. Air Quality Update
- A. Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force Recommendations

In November 1997, Governor Jane Dee Hull established the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force. The recommendations of the Task Force are expected to be completed by February 17, 1998. Several measures will require legislative action. Others can be

- A. For information, discussion and recommendation that the Governor and Legislature consider supporting the recommendations of the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force and urge Maricopa County to establish funding to hire the inspectors needed for enforcement of Maricopa County Rule 310 by March 20, 1998.

considered at the local level. A key local measure is the control of fugitive dust at a variety of sources, including construction sites. Maricopa County has implemented Rule 310 for this purpose. The Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force is recommending that Maricopa County hire five additional inspectors to assist in enforcing Rule 310. Financial resources for these additional inspectors have not yet been identified. The Environmental Protection Agency announced to the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force that hiring the additional inspectors may have a positive impact on the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP), if the County makes a commitment before March 20, 1998. The FIP is currently being drafted by EPA to address deficiencies in the Moderate Area 24-Hour PM-10 Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. The Management Committee voted to support the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force, excluding the formation of a Governor's Task Force on Future Growth. Since the Management Committee meeting, this proposed measure has been modified to reference the Vision 2025 effort and take into account regional planning efforts underway. Based on this change, staff recommends including this measure in the endorsement. On February 11, 1998, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Governor and Legislature consider supporting the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force with comments on the measures for low emitting vehicles, fireplaces and CARB diesel fuel. The MAG Air Quality Policy Committee is scheduled to consider the recommendations of the Governor's Air Quality Strategies Task Force at their meeting on February 19, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

B. Serious Area PM-10 Plan Most Stringent Control Measures

For the Serious Area PM-10 Plan, it is required that the plan include the most stringent measures in State plans, or in practice in any other state. The measures also need to be feasible for this area. To assist in determining what measures should be included in the PM-10 Plan, MAG hired a consultant, Sierra Research, to prepare material on this issue. This PM-10 information prepared by Sierra Research will be presented to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

C. Carbon Monoxide Modeling Update

A status report on the modeling for the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan will be provided. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been evaluating the EPA model which is used for developing Carbon Monoxide (CO) Plan credits for I/M 240. It appears that additional CO Plan measures will be needed for the plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

B. For information, discussion and possible action.

C. For information, discussion and possible action.

### GENERAL ITEM

10. Annual Performance Evaluation and Salary Adjustment for the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on January 21, 1997 provided for a performance evaluation at least annually prior to the annual salary review. To begin this process, on January 28, 1998, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee reviewed the format for the annual evaluation and salary review. On February 17, 1998, the Executive

10. For information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session and to reconvene the meeting for possible action regarding the annual performance evaluation and salary adjustment for the MAG Executive Director.

Committee discussed the performance of the Executive Director. The recommendations of the Executive Committee will be provided to the Regional Council.

The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding the performance evaluation and salary adjustment for the MAG Executive Director. The meeting may then be reconvened to make recommendations regarding the performance evaluation and salary adjustment. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).